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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0322

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY ATHENS PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR AMMUNITION OVERFLIGHT
TO ETHIOPIA

REF: A) STATE 69406; B) STATE 69797

1. PROCESSING CLEARANCE FOR OVERFLIGHT CARRYING MILITARY-TYPE CARGO NORMALLY REQUIRES MINIMUM FOUR (4) DAYS, AS CIVILAVIA MUST CHECK WITH MINISTRIES DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS BEFORE APPROVING. SEABOARD REQUEST FORWARDED TO CIVILAVIA BY TELEX AT 1805 MARCH 25 AND DID NOT ARRIVE ON ACTION OFFICER'S DESK UNTIL AFTERNOON OF MARCH 27. SEABOARD REQUEST FOR FIVE (5) OVERFLIGHTS RAMSTEIN AFB GERMANY TO ADDIS ABABA ON MARCH 26, 29, 30 AND APRIL 1, 3 LACKED INFORMATION ON AIRWAYS TO BE USED AND OVERFLIGHT TIMES.

2. CIVILAVIA ASSUMES PROPOSED MARCH 27 OVERFLIGHT CHARTER HILL
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AFB UTAH TO ADDIS ABABA HAS BEEN POSTPONED. CIVILAVIA SUGGESTS

SUFFICIENT DELAY TO PERMIT PROPER PROCESSING AND WOULD LIKE NEW
OVERFLIGHT TIMES.

3. CIVILAVIA ALSO ASSUMES MARCH 26 OVERFLIGHT RAMSTEIN-ADDIS
POSTPONED AND REQUESTS DEALY OF MARCH 28 OVERFLIGHT. OVERFLIGHT
TIMSE AND ROUTES FOR ALL FIVE (5) FLIGHTS NEEDED. SEABOARD
MESSAGE TO CIVILAVIA IMPLIES CARGO ON EACH FLIGHT WOULD BE 42
TONS CLASS A AND CA EXPLOSIVES; IS THIS CORRECT?

4. EMBASSY CONTACTING MINISTRIES FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE
TO EXPEDITE CLEARANCE BUT CIVILAVIA URGENTLY NEEDS FURTHER INFO
FROM SEABOARD IN ORDER PROCESS CLEARANCE. CIVILAVIA REP
INDICATED HIS AGENCY WOULD HAVE NO RPT NO PROBLEMS WITH GRANTING
CLEARANCE, ONCE DEFENSE AND FOREIGN ARRAIRS APPROVE, IF COMPLETE
INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM SEABORAD. BEAUDRY

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